

are the major parks around Selma, though Saul's--just outside the town limits on U. S. 301 north--was not in existence at the time of the previous study. Of the three courts, Rick's is located on the most suitable soil--Goldsboro--and it is rated as having moderate limitations for septic tanks. The other two--Ward's and Saul's--are located on Lynchburg and Rains soils respectively--both of which have severe septic tank limitations.

Of the three, only Saul's is partially served by sewer lines--more than half of the mobile homes as a matter of fact. Of the other two, Ward's is too far beyond the town limits to be sewerred and the absence of septic tank problems at Rick's does not lend itself to a pressing need for such services any time soon. From a health perspective though, it would seem desirable to get the remaining four or five mobile homes at Saul's Park tied into the town's sewer system--particularly since the line now runs past the site.

In essence then, trade and residential (motels) are clearly dominant in the I-95 interchange area; trade and services--with some residential interspersed among them--continues along U. S. 301 south; and wholesale trade--in the form of oil storage facilities--has clearly established itself along Buffalo Road. No clear pattern of residential growth has developed since the 1971 study. Vacant lots that once existed along Pecan and Dixie Drives are now mostly occupied; the two new subdivisions platted since 1971 in the southwestern portion of town contain numerous vacant lots where growth could be directed, keeping in mind some areas have severe limitations.

E. Other Development Factors

Historic Properties

Several buildings of historical significance have been identified with Selma. A partial inventory has been completed by the North Carolina Division of Archives and History, but further work on the subject is needed.

Commercial

Branch Banking and Trust Company Building, northeast corner of Raeford and Anderson Streets. A very handsome example of Neo-Classical style banks popular about 1900-1925. Especially notable are the well-executed columns flanking the entrance, and the fine side treatment with pilasters and panels accenting the windows. The building is a pivotal element in the character of the downtown.

Coastal Plain Life Insurance Building, southeast corner of Anderson and Raeford Streets. Built in 1916 as office rental space, this massive brick building is eclectic in character, with strong Spanish revival flavor. The brackets along the roofline and the inset corner entrance area with arched openings are especially notable.